Treaty with Swiss Government

275. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on August 6 last he had announced that Indian Ambassador in Switzerland was beng intimated to inform the Swiss Government of India's decision to enter into a Treaty of Mutual Assistance and Memorandum of Understanding with the Swiss authorities;

(b) what is the date on which this request was made;

(c) whether criminal proceedings have been filed against individuals and companies alleged to have bank accounts and properties in Switzerland with funds obtained illegally, so that requisite assistance may be sought; if so, what are the details of such cases and progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) Following the announcement on August 6, 1987, a six-member team representing Ministries of Finance, External Affairs, Law, RBI and CBI visited Berne (Switzerland) in September, 1987 to discuss the possibility of an agreement for mutual assistance in criminal matters between the Governments of India and Switzerland. The report is under examination. Cases, including those of individuals and companies, alleged to have bank account and properties in Switzerland with funds obtained illegally which have come to Government's notice, are being investigated as per the rules and laws of the relevant Statutes. As investigation is under progress, it is not in public interest to disclose details of such cases.

Infilterators from Neighbouring Countries

276. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltrators in large numbers from neighbouring countries have been stealthily sneaking into Terai areas of Rampur, Nainital, Pilibhit and Lakhimpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such infiltrators are reported to be indulging in different kinds of criminal and anti-national activities; and

(c) if so, what are the facts thereof and what action has been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dismissals and Compulsory Retirement etc. in Income Tax Department

277. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Income Tax Officers, Assistant Commissioners and Commissioners of Income-tax in the Income Tax Department who were dismissed, compulsorily retired, suspended and on whom major and minor penalties were imposed or inquiries conducted by CBI during the years 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto 31st July, 1987) on charges of corruption, inefficiency and dereliction of duty;

(b) whether it is fact that corruption is rampant in the Income Tax Department; and